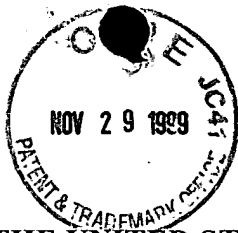


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 26, 1999, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, Claims 7-12, drawn to methods improving or modifying a friction-fit connection.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the unelected claims in divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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